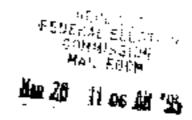
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Dear Mr. Andre:

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This letter is a follow up to our conversation of March 10, 1995.

In a letter directed to Joan T. Toole, as Treasurer of Montana Conservation Voters, you had stated that Montana Conservation Voters appeared to have violated federal election law by providing financial support for a single candidate's campaign that was in excess of \$1,000. You did note that the level of financial support, however, would not be a violation if it were provided by a multicandidate committee.

In our phone conversation of March 10, I explained that Montana Conservation Voters was formed prior to the 1992 elections and that the committee had been active in that election cycle. In that election the committee did support at least five candidates. We also received contributions from more than 50 persons during that election cycle. In the 1994 election cycle, the committee again supported at least five candidates and did receive contributions from more than 50 persons.

You noted that the Commission did not have the records, in particular the Form 1, to show that Montana Conservation Voters is a multicandidate committee.

Joan Toole is compiling and copying the records to show that in both the 1992 and 1994 election cycles Montana Conservation Voters met the criteria for a multicandidate committee. Copies of these records will be sent to you as soon as they are compiled and copied.

In addition, on the day that we spoke, I made a request for Form 1 through an administrative person at the Commission. I have yet to receive the form. If necessary, we will complete the form and send it to you.

Enclosed is a copy of the copy of the Form 1 that was completed by Montana Conservation Voters in December of 1991 and sent to the

Commission. The form is for Montana Conservation Voters and was dated December 18, 1991. The signature of Joan Toole, as Treasurer, appears on the form. You will note that in Section 5, relating to "Type of Committee", subsection (f) is checked. This is the subsection that denotes that a committee is a multicandidate committee. We had believed that the Form as completed in 1991 was on file with the Commission.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely;

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